

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: A NAVIGATION DEVICE FOR SELECTING FUNCTIONS OF AN ELECTRONIC
DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended)A button according to claim 1, characterized in that the rotation means include a bearing (13b, 13c) having a substantially part-cylindrical shape.

4. (Amended)A button according to claim 1, characterized in that the coupling means further include means for immobilizing the button against movement in translation in all directions parallel to the face of the device incorporating the outside face of the button.

5. (Amended)A button according to claim 1, characterized in that said means for immobilizing the button against movement in translation include a notch (13f) adapted to interlock with an element (2b, 2c, 2f, 2g, 2h) of the guide means.

6. (Amended)A button according to claim 1, characterized in that the outside face of the button has a domed portion (13d) which has a raised surface (13e) to facilitate manipulating it.


7. (Amended)An electronic device provided with a button for navigating among a plurality of functions shown on a display screen (10) of the electronic device, characterized in that the button is a button according to claim 1.

8. (Amended)Application of the electronic device according to claim 1 to a telecommunication terminal.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A button according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, characterized in that the rotation means include a bearing (13b, 13c) having a substantially part-cylindrical shape.
4. (Amended) A button according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterized in that the coupling means further include means for immobilizing the button against movement in translation in all directions parallel to the face of the device incorporating the outside face of the button.
5. (Amended) A button according to ~~the preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterized in that said means for immobilizing the button against movement in translation include a notch (13f) adapted to interlock with an element (2b, 2c, 2f, 2g, 2h) of the guide means.
6. (Amended) A button according to ~~the preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterized in that the outside face of the button has a domed portion (13d) which has a raised surface (13e) to facilitate manipulating it.

7. (Amended) An electronic device provided with a button for navigating among a plurality of functions shown on a display screen (10) of the electronic device, characterized in that the button is a button according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1.

8. (Amended) Application of the electronic device according to ~~the preceding claim~~ claim 1 to a telecommunication terminal.